



North Carolina  
Department of Administration  
**Council for Women**



---

Date: March 2, 2011

Executive Director: Jill Dinwiddie

---

As we begin to celebrate Women's History Month, we want to thank all of you who attended the Open House at the N. C. Council for Women (CFW) on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our hats are off to those of you who traveled from all corners of the state to participate in Women's Advocacy Day and meet with your legislators to discuss the issues impacting the lives of women and families in your communities. We enjoyed hearing your reports of those visits and we hope you will continue to follow those issues of concern as they make their way into upcoming pieces of legislation. One of our visitors was Tibbie Roberts who was a CFW member during Governor Hunt's administration, is 96 years old, and still advocating for women.

The N. C. Council for Women will celebrate Women's History Month on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm at the N. C. Museum of History. The program and parking adjacent to the building will be free and the theme this year is "Our History is Our Strength – Breaking thru the STEM ceiling: challenges and opportunities for women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)." The speaker, Gloria Blackwell, will discuss the research report "Why so Few?" published by the American Association of University Women. A panel of women whose careers have focused on STEM subjects will then discuss their own experiences and perspectives on the subject. Novelist Zelda Lockhart will close the evening. A reception will follow and the public is invited to join the celebration. Partners for the event include the American Association of University Women, Wake County Commission on Women, the UN Women/US North Carolina Chapter and N. C. Women United. We hope to see you on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the N. C. African American Heritage Commission will celebrate the accomplishments of Anna Julia Cooper (1858 – 1964), a feminist, author and teacher from North Carolina who fought against gender and racial bias her entire life at the unveiling of Ms. Cooper's historical marker. There will be a reading of her essays and the launch of the Pathways to Empowerment mentorship program for young women in her honor. This free event will start at 1:00 p. m. at St. Augustine's College Chapel (1315 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 27610) and end at the YWCA Community Center (554 E. Hargett St., Raleigh, NC 27601) located near the Cooper marker. Partners for the event include Africana Women's Studies Program at Bennett College (Greensboro, NC), YWCA Greater Triangle and St. Augustine's College (Raleigh, NC).

---

Mailing Address:  
1320 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1320

Physical Address:  
422 North Blount Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Telephone: 919-733-2455  
Toll-free 1-877-502-9898  
Main Fax: 919-733-2464  
Grants Fax: 919-715-9736